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U.S. Patent Documents - No., Date, Name

5,101,651 Apr. 7, 1992 Yeomans
6,161,407 Dec. 19, 2000 Meisser
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43 37 797	May 11, 1995	Germany
0 184 204	Jun. 11, 1986	European
0 500 217	Aug. 26, 1992	European
0 884 811	Dec. 16, 1998	European
0 902 509	Mar. 17, 1999	European

Publications - Author, Title, Date, Pages, Place

None

The relevance of the 0 884 811 European reference is discussed in Applicants' specification at page 1. The U.S. Patent Application No. 2001/0047674 claims priority to the 0 884 811 European reference. The relevance of the 0 902 509 European reference is discussed in Applicants' specification at page 1. The U.S. Patent Nos. 6,161,407 and 6,212,924 each claim priority to the 0 902 509 European reference. The remaining references were cited in a European Standard Search Report with respect to the European application from which priority is claimed. A copy of the Report is enclosed. The U.S. Patent No. 5,101,651 is the parent application of the European reference 0 500 217.

Additionally, Applicants would like to draw the Examiner's attention to commonly assigned and co-pending application Serial No. 10/612,547 filed on July 2, 2003.

A copy of each of the references is enclosed herewith along with Form PTO-1449. It is requested that they be fully considered and made of record in this case.

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